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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Note (for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

- Claims 1
- Cited Literature 1 and 2
- Remarks

Cited Literature 1 describes the basic configuration of a kitchen order system. Furthermore, Cited Literature 2 describes the point that, when a main dish name and a sub-dish name are inputted, evaluation is carried out based on a data check table, and an error notification is issued if the names are not appropriate.

- Claims 2-4
- Cited Literature 1-3
- Remarks

Cited Literature 3 describes the point of displaying sub-dish names in a selectable fashion when a main dish name is inputted

- Claims 5 and 6
- Cited Literature 1-4
- Remarks

Cited Literature 4 suggests the point of collecting inputted data.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-42253
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H4-57190
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H4-38593
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-115473

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

• Fields searched IPC G07G 1/00–5/00

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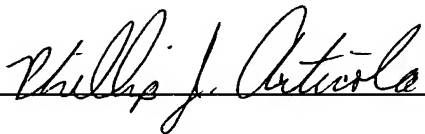
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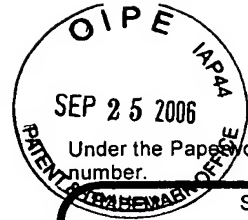
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